

Identified Stakeholders

- Board of Supervisors identified MCWRA as most-likely entity for GSA designation in November 2014
- Concern that this designation was moving too quickly
- Worked with County and municipalities to find common areas for process of forming a groundwater sustainability agency
- Compiled list of all possible public agencies that are GSA eligible
- Identified over 60 potential NGOs that might want to be involved in groundwater sustainability

Selected a Facilitator

- Working with County, City of Salinas, MCWRA and Ag interests, came together to develop RFP for facilitation
- Reviewed and interviewed three possible facilitators
- Selected Consensus Building Institute (CBI) as facilitator
- Costs of facilitation split four ways
 - County of Monterey
 - Municipalities (Salinas as lead)
 - MCWRA
 - Agricultural sector

Inclusion of Agriculture

- SGMA gives the power to public agencies to open the door for private special interests, and only if they want to. There is no requirement to include any special interests on GSA governance structures or representation.

GSA: Not Eligible Parties

- Stakeholders not eligible to be GSAs:
 - **Agricultural interests** and other private parties, landowners and lessees
 - Federal agencies – DOD, BOR, NMFS, etc.
 - State agencies – SWRCB, RWQCB, etc.
 - Environmental uses and users
 - Other special interests
 - Court/Watermasters (adjudicated basins)

Collaborative Working Group

The purpose of the Collaborative Work Group is to develop consensus recommendations on forming a groundwater sustainability agency for the Salinas Groundwater Basin and recommend adoption by GSA-eligible agencies.

Organizations Represented in Collaborative Working Group

Alco
Cal Water Service
Castroville Community Service District
CHISPA
City of Salinas
Driscoll Strawberry Associates
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
California Native Plant Society
City of Gonzales
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California
LandWatch

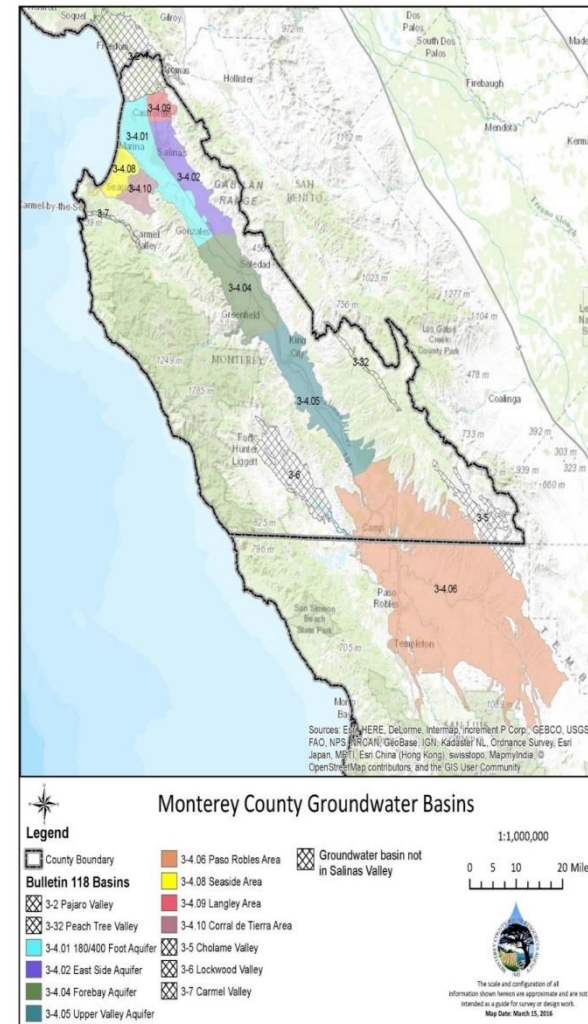
Marina Coast Water District
Monterey County Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Monterey County Farm Bureau
Monterey County Vintners & Growers
Monterey County
Salinas Valley Sustainable Water Group
San Luis Obispo County
Salinas Valley Water Coalition
The Nature Conservancy
Water Resources Agency

Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governance

1. City of Salinas
2. South County Cities
3. Agriculture (Zone 1)
4. Agriculture (Zone 2)
5. Agriculture (Zone 3)
6. Agriculture (Zone 4)
7. GSA-eligible Agency
8. PUC Regulated Water Company
9. Environment
10. Small Mutual Water Systems/Disadvantaged Community
11. Public Member
 - Rural Residential
 - Industrial
 - Mutual Water Company
 - Local Small or state small water system

Sub-Basins included in Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin

SUB-BASIN (DWR No)	State-Designated Priority
180/400 Ft. Aquifer (3-4.01)	High / Critical Condition of Overdraft
East Side Aquifer (3-4.02)	High
Forebay Aquifer (3-4.04)	Medium
Upper Valley Aquifer (3-4.05)	Medium
Paso Robles Area (3-4.06)	High / Critical Condition of Overdraft
Seaside Area (3-4.08)	Medium
Langley Area (3-4.09)	Medium
Corral De Tierra Area (3-4.10)	Medium



Voting Block

- Transactional Issues: majority vote.
 - “Consent agenda” at a board meeting, like approval of minutes and general expenditures in line with budget.
- Transformative issues, a super-majority of 8/11 would be required.
 - Budgets and projects, the GSP (plan). Development and operations costs, expenditures become “transactional” as long as they were within the approved plan/budget.

Voting Block

- For significant issues such as limiting groundwater extraction and fees:
- Three ag votes and a Supermajority (8/11) will be needed to be affirmative for any limits on extractions or fees to be agreed to in the governance structure.

Next Steps

- Finalize signatures to JPA (currently includes Monterey County, Castroville Community Services, City of Gonzales, City of Soledad, City of Salinas) (March 2017)
- Begin meetings of Board (March 9, 2017)
- Submit Agency to State (no later than June 2017)
- Begin working on permanent/regular board seat elections (Spring/Summer 2017)